

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Alexander Melville Bell, July 1877, with transcript

Letter written by Alexander Graham Bell to his Father. Queen's Hotel, Toronto, July, 1877 ? Dear Papa:

Splendid opportunity for Telephones in Toronto. I find there are no less than two District Telephone Companies in Toronto. One under the management of D. C. Shears (of the "Club Chambers") and the other an opposition company under the management of Fred Strange, 11 Colburn Street, (the former manager of the other company). Mr. Strange saw my name on the hotel register and heard that I had been making enquiries concerning District Companies and called to see me this morning.

He is quite excited over the Telephone and requested me not to see Mr. Shears or any other Electrician until he could communicate with you.

He is to write to you this afternoon and have you appoint a time when he can visit you in Brantford. I told him I thought you would allow him to have a couple of instruments to experiment with before deciding anything.

We go on our way to Montreal this afternoon at 2 p. m. In haste.

Your loving son, Alec. Prof. A. Melville Bell, Brantford.